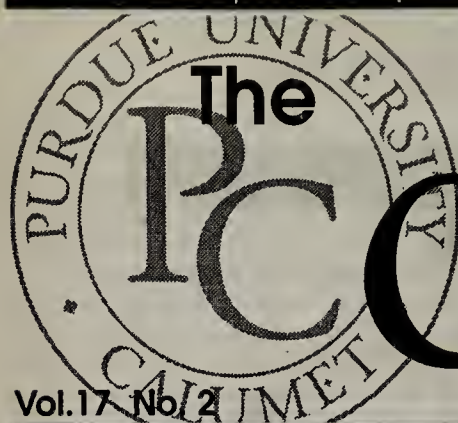




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Lemos resigns as SG prez

KIM KINTZ
News Editor

Recently elected Student Government President, Kristan Lemos, announced her resignation Friday, Aug. 21.

During a senate meeting, Lemos stated in a letter that a medical condition which allows for only a small amount of stress in her life as the reason for her resignation. The letter

stated, "This was not a decision reached lightly. If I were to remain in Student Government, I would be forced to play a minimal role as President. This is neither what I would want to do, nor would it be beneficial for the organization as a whole." Lemos has been involved in student government for the past two years. She will remain an active part of some SGA programs even though she will not hold an official position. Lemos stated, "I under-

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Kristan Lemos,
former Student Government president

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The organization's constitution

states that, the Vice President of Legislation, which is now held by Amy Croston, will be promoted to the role of President for the 1998-1999 school year. Lemos says, "I

will be there to help prepare Amy for her new position." Croston says, "this was an unanticipated event, but I am excited about the upcoming year. I plan to make the best of it." Croston's former position will be filled through an application process similar to that of senate members. The vice president of legislation runs and organizes all student government meetings. Like senate members, the vice president of legisla-

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New writing lab

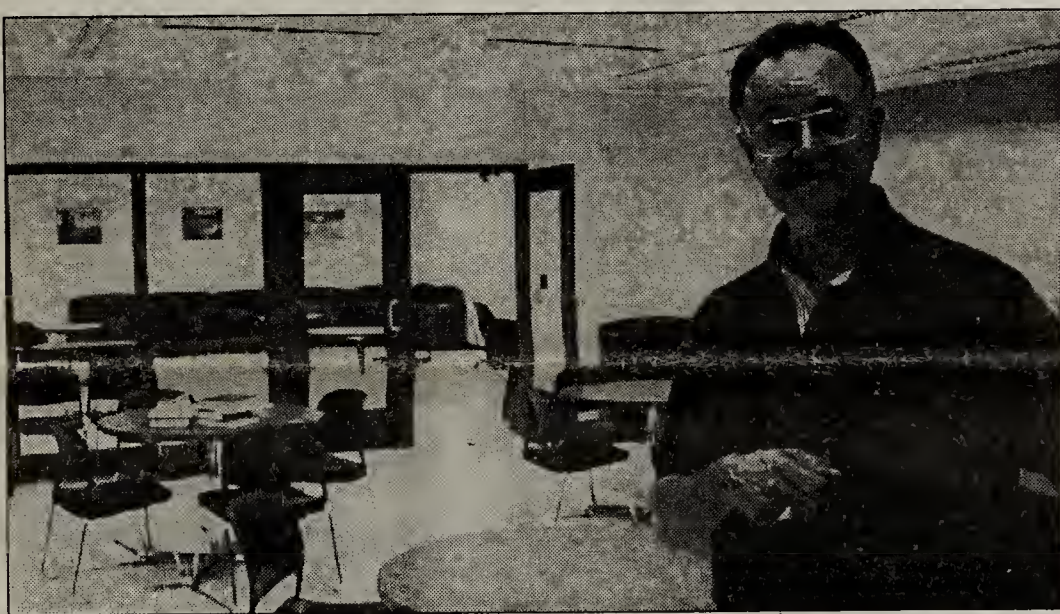


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Dennis Barbour, head of English and Philosophy departments, introduces the new writing lab facilities in the CLO building.

Lab offers enhanced resources

KIM KINTZ
News Editor

Like many of the departments at PUC, the writing lab has moved to the Classroom Office Building (CLO) and has undergone many changes.

The writing lab is now located in rooms 263 and 265 in the CLO building. It will open the second week of classes for students. The writing lab is open to all students who are looking for extra help with their compositions. Lab hours will be posted as soon as they become available.

The move to the new building has allowed the writing lab to expand its resources, double in size, and become "a more centralized operation," according to Dennis Barbour, head of the English and Philosophy department. The writing lab is located down the hall from the English department and is surrounded by the offices of various English and

Philosophy professors. The writing lab offers one on one peer tutoring in room 265. Directly adjoined is room 263, a computer lab where students can go directly to a computer after counseling. The old room for the writing lab was often crowded; located in Gyte 206, a whole building away from the English department main office.

The writing lab will also feature a grammar hotline number for students who need help with grammar or mechanics. This number is 989-2200.

Besides new technology the writing lab has also welcomed a new director. William Macauley was hired last spring from a national search conducted by PUC. Macauley will also be teaching Engl 220, technical report writing,

and Engl 103, advanced freshman composition. Macauley hails from Indiana University of Pennsylvania's Doctoral Program. Macauley said, "I'm looking forward to working with a widely diverse student body, and getting to know students and faculty."

"Before we had faculty in Lawshe Hall, labs in Gyte, and classrooms scattered all over. It was awkward."

Dennis Barbour,
head of English and
Philosophy depts.

CLO building room 217. Barbour is pleased about the move because, "before we had faculty in Lawshe Hall, labs in Gyte, and classrooms scattered all over. It was awkward."

New to PUC's English and Philosophy department this fall is Professor Samuel Zinaich. Zinaich last taught at Fort-Hayes State

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Alumni association sponsors discussion for students, faculty

AMARACHI IGBOEGWU
Staff Writer

The first ever student forum will take place in the Founders Plaza Tuesday, Sept. 8 at noon.

The forum is a joint effort by PUC Office of Advancement and the Purdue Alumni Association-Calumet to give PUC students an opportunity to ask questions and voice opinions.

The forum was put together by Leticia Toma, coordinator for the Purdue Calumet Alumni relations, who felt the need for students to have an opportunity to discuss certain issues with the senior staff and also for the students to meet the people who represent PUC.

The members of the panel will be Vice Chancellor of Student Services Leo Bryant, Vice Chancellor of Advancement Gary W. Edwards, Chancellor James Yackel, Vice Chancellor of Administrative Services Gary H. Newsom, and Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs Sandra Singer.

The forum moderator was scheduled to be Kristan Lemos, although since her resignation Friday, Aug. 21, the position may be given to Amy Croston.

"Students really care about the university and never really have the opportunity to speak directly with the senior administration and I know they probably have a lot to ask. I also know the chancellor and vice chancellors care and would want to communicate issues directly affecting the students. I'm happy that we have this opportunity to talk directly with the students and for them to talk directly with us and we should continue to explore ways to improve communications

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Chancellor
James Yackel

PUC introduces new spanish course

STEPHEN MELCHER
Staff Writer

Communication barriers between health care providers and Spanish speaking patients may soon become a problem of the past thanks to a new course offered at PUC.

Spanish for Health Care Providers is a three credit hour, one semester course new to the curriculum in response to many requests from the

medical community. Professor Geof Barrow describes the class as "a phrase book approach". The course is meant to teach very basic language skills specifically geared toward the medical field to include doctors, nurses, medical workers, mental health professionals, family therapists, dental professionals, dietitians, emergency medical technicians, and medical insurance workers. Such necessary skills as detailed medical interview-

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ADMINISTRATION UPDATE

More about PUC's new Undergraduate Research Program (Part 2 of 2)

As was outlined in last week's Administration Update, the new Undergraduate Research Program (URP) has been developed to help Purdue Calumet undergraduates get more involved in campus scholarly and research activities.

Working with a faculty research mentor is a great way to learn about a subject or area that really interests you, and your participation might well be a highlight on your resume to future employers or professional schools.

Undergraduate Research Scholars

Students who successfully complete a research project under faculty supervision and who present their work at an undergraduate conference or symposium will be eligible to be recognized as Undergraduate Research Scholars.

Your faculty research mentor can nominate you to the URP office. Undergraduate Research Scholars will be recognized by the Chancellor each year on campus.

Annual Undergraduate Research Symposium & the Northwest Indiana Journal of Undergraduate Research

Students who have worked on research projects, whether or not they were funded by the URP, will be invited to present their results at the Undergraduate Research Symposium, scheduled on campus next spring.

Students also will be invited to submit descriptions of their work and results to the Northwest Indiana Journal of Undergraduate Research, a collection of undergraduate research papers from students at area colleges and universities.

Other resources: see URP webpage

There are many resources for undergraduates interested in pursuing research away from campus. The URP webpage, accessible from the Purdue Calumet homepage, has a list of research grants in various areas—complete with application information and deadlines.

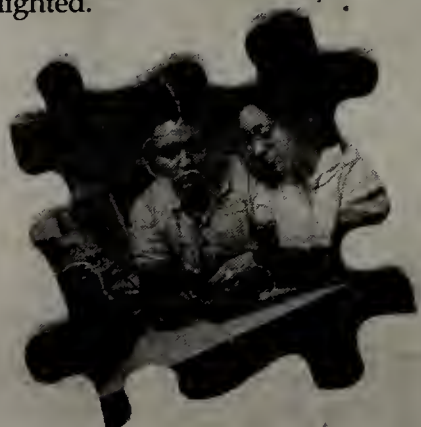
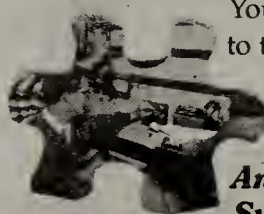
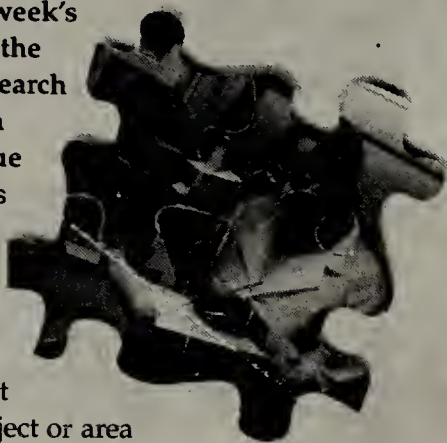
If you think you might like a research internship or a stint as an undergraduate researcher during the summer (often with a stipend), check out the appropriate page: go to and click on the URP button under the "What's New" menu.

There also are other links to the URP homepage on the Academic webpage off the Purdue Calumet homepage.

Stop by for more information...

Keep on the lookout for information on URP posters around campus. Every month, research opportunities and related campus events will be highlighted.

If you have additional questions about our Undergraduate Research Program, please feel free to phone 219/989-2780 or 989-2055, or visit the URP office in Room 325 in the Student Faculty Library Center.



At a glance

around campus

Share opinions at Student Forum

A student forum will take place Tuesday, Sept. 8 at noon in Founders Plaza between Gyte and the Student Faculty Library Center. The forum will provide an opportunity for students to share opinions and ask questions of PUC Administrators. Questions may be submitted in advance in boxes located around campus or in person at the student forum. Free chili lunch will be provided for students. For more information call 989-2414.

Student Senator positions available

Student Government announces three Senate positions available for the 1998-1999 academic year. Applications are available at the SFLC Information Center; the Office of Student Activities, SFLC-339; and the Student Government Office, SFLC-324G.

Completed forms are due by Friday, Sept. 11 at 4 p.m. in the Office of Student Activities. Applicants must also appear for an interview on Sunday, Sept. 13 at 2 p.m. Only PUC students with a minimum graduation index of 2.0 are eligible to apply.

Retrace the underground railroad

The PUC Ethnic Studies Program will retrace one of the routes of the Underground Railroad Oct. 16 and 17. Participants will enjoy travel on a luxury tour bus, four meals, guided tours and one night hotel accommodations based upon double room occupancy. The cost of the trip is \$160. Final payment is due by Sept. 16.

For more information, contact Professor Gisele Casanova-Oates at 989-2781.

Habitat for Humanity hosts walk-a-thon/bike-a-thon

Habitat for Humanity will host a walk-a-thon/bike-a-thon Saturday, Sept. 19. Starting times will be 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. and starting points will be located at sites along the bike trail which runs from Highland to Crown Point. The entrance fee is \$5 for adults and \$2 for children. For more information, contact 922-6407.

ALSO presents 'El Jardin'

The Alliance of Latino Student Organizations announces the production of "El Jardin" by Carlos Morton. The

play, set in both English and Spanish, tells the "straight to the point" view about how the Mexican-American has evolved and why. The performances take place in Alumni Hall Sept. 25, 26 at 7:30 p.m. and 27 at 1:30 p.m. An audience discussion will take place following the Sunday program. Admission is free. Refreshments will be served.

Anyone interested in joining the chorus, helping with costumes, publicity, or wishing to display artwork, please contact Summer Coronado at either coronasm@axp.calumet.purdue.edu or 838-1505.

Not-for-profit groups sought for hidden forest

The Lake County Parks is seeking not-for-profit adult groups to participate in the annual Forbidden Forest at Lemon Lake County Park on Oct. 29, 30, 31. There are a limited number of scenes available for groups who wish to participate in this fundraising event. Interested groups should call Sandy at 769-PARK for an application form.

SSF cards available

The Office of Student Activities will no longer mail Student Service Fee (SSF) cards. Those students who would like a SSF card may obtain one upon request at the Satellite Bursar's, in PER-104. The office hours are Monday through Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Students must present a State ID or a Driver's License to obtain a SSF card. Also, SSF cards will not be available until after Sunday, Sept. 2. For more information, contact Michelle at 989-2369.

Chronicle seeks new staff members

The student newspaper of PUC is seeking new staff members for the fall semester. Students interested in writing, advertising sales, and graphic design are encouraged to apply as soon as possible.

Applications are available in SFLC-344H. For more information, contact Chris at 989-2547.

Reserve Senate chambers in advance

Any group who needs to use the SGA Senate chambers must have their group name put in the scheduling book. Call 989-2394 or stop by the office in SFLC-324G to schedule a meeting time.

Quote of the week

'Vision is the art of seeing things invisible.'

—Jonathan Swift
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University, in Fort Hayes, Kansas. He will be teaching Phil 111; Phil 150, Principles of Logic; and Phil 324, Ethics For the Professions.

Professor Janet Jackson, Coordinator of the Reading Program for the past 12 years has left. Professor Rosann Cook will be acting director of the program while PUC is conducting a national search for someone to fulfill the position. Professor Clement Stacy and Marilyn Cleland are on sabbatical until Spring.

PUC has added a distance learning class at Hanover Central high school in Lowell. Through video camera satellites in Gyte annex, room 119, students will be able to complete a credit course without ever having to step foot on campus. The satellite classes will be two sections of Engl 104 and Engl 201.

In response to adjusting to the new building Barbour says, "For me and many of the faculty, this is the first time we get to occupy a brand new facility."

Parking lot changes alter traffic flow

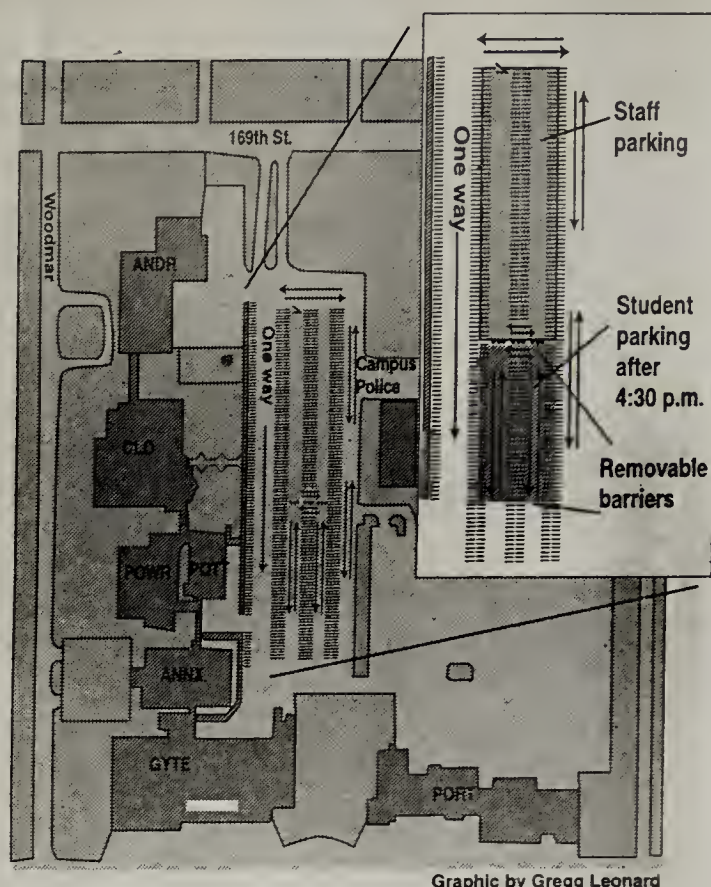
KIM KINTZ
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Students who think they know which way to maneuver around the parking should take notice to some changes. The entrance off 169th Street, nearest the Anderson building, and the new Classroom Office Building has been changed to a one way going south toward the Gyte Building. Therefore, this road will serve as an entrance from 169th Street only.

Staff parking with gates that use swipe cards for entry are now accessible from the 169th Street

entrance. Removal barriers separate this north staff-only parking lot from the staff-only until 4:30 p.m. south parking lot until 4:30 p.m. The reason for this change is "to improve traffic flow effectively due to the increased student and faculty population," according to Wes Lukoshus, director of university relations.

Also, since Lawshe Hall's first floor will be growing into a visitors center, the parking lot accessible from Woodmar Avenue will serve only visitors to the campus. Soon the offices of financial aid, the registrar, and admissions will be conveniently located in one place.



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Forum

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between the students and institution," said John Toma, coordinator of alumni relations.

Leo Bryant, vice chancellor of student services said, "this is an opportunity for students to know what is going on and to talk with the senior staff management of the university so as to get an understanding of how the university functions." Bryant also hopes that the forum will help improve access to the students and for them to take advantage of the resources available at PUC. Also, with this forum students are aware of the efforts being made better serve them.

Gary Edwards, vice chancellor of advancement said, "I think it is

a fantastic way to inform the students of some of the projects that directly impacts their education."

PUC Chancellor James Yackel also feels it is a great way of meeting the student body, "The forum

was designed as a medium for communication with students. If the administration can communicate with a number of students via the forum then it will have served its purpose and be valuable to the campus. We are always interested in carrying on a dialogue with students and seek various methods to do so. With the format which has been established for the forum, we hope to introduce all the vice chancellors and the chancellor and outline our various responsibilities. We hope that

students will then know who can help them with certain need and feel free to ask for help. A secondary goal for the forum will be to provide an opportunity for students to ask questions."

Newsom stressed the need for communication between the school and students, "If we don't communicate with each other then the probability of misunderstanding is increased." He hopes to see this forum become a semester function. Newsome looks forward to this forum. "This is an opportunity where we can learn about the students and their needs."

Sandra Singer, Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs is also pleased to have a venue where the senior staff can meet the PUC stu-

dent body. She says "I think is a great idea that Purdue University Calumet's office of advancement and Purdue Alumni Association Calumet organized this event."

It is coming at a good time because the beginning of the fall semester really is the best time for communication about plans for the coming year and hearing about concerns that students might have." Singer is also planning to talk about a new program called the Undergraduate Research Program.

More information will be put out in order for students to become aware of forum. There will also be a free chili lunch and beverages served between 11:30 am to 12 noon. A class schedule or a student ID is required.

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ing, symptoms, and basic anatomy. As it stands it will be limited to Spanish.

According to Barrow, this new class is only the beginning of a revamping of the Foreign Language Department. There are plans to introduce a new graduate program in Hispanic Studies in approximately 18 months.

Fall 1999 is the tentative date for Spanish for Business; a new course offered to aid business people in the international market place. This two semester course is intended on becoming a certificate class.

Law enforcement personnel will also get to benefit from the line of classes. Spanish for Criminal Justice will be introduced soon to assist police officers in performing their duties more efficiently and safely on our city streets in an environment with an ever growing Hispanic population.

For additional information regarding these classes contact Purdue Calumet's Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures at 989-2632.



Vice Chancellor
Leo Bryant



Vice Chancellor
Gary H. Newsom



Vice Chancellor
Gary W. Edwards



Vice Chancellor
Sandra Singer

Lemos

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tion holds the position until re-elections in May. Applications for the vice president position can be found at the SFLC Information Center or the Office of Student Activities in room 339.

Completed applications must be turned in by 4 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11. Interested students must have a graduation index of 2.0 or higher and attend an interview Sunday, Sept. 13 at 2 p.m.

Student Government members were taken by surprise by Lemos' announcement.

Senate member J.B. Lyles said, "I'm deeply disappointed with what happened. I can't believe she didn't know what she was getting into."

Current Senate member, Bruce Kimbrell was more optimistic. He stated, "It is unfortunate that Ms. Lemos will be unable to complete all the wonderful things she talked about in her campaign. Amy Croston will assume the presidential role and I will stand behind her and offer all the support I can."

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Former SG president takes proper action

It is important for leaders to recognize their limitations, as well as their strengths, and act on them accordingly. Recently, Kristan Lemos resigned as president of the Student Government.

Lemos cited medical reasons as the determining factor in her decision to leave the responsibilities of president. This is a case of a leader recognizing limitations of ability and taking the proper action.

It is better for Lemos to have made the decision to step down rather than force the student government to take action when she fails to fulfill her responsibilities.

The Student Government should not have to waste time ousting a leader that is not fulfilling the responsibility. Talk should not be of a "he said she said nature," but rather talk of what we do to achieve together. Time is too short to waste on individual personality conflicts.

It is unfortunate for the Student Government in general that Lemos had to resign as the leader of the organization so close to the beginning of the new semester. It will be more difficult for Amy Croston, new president of Student Government, to get things up and running with the start of the fall semester underway.

With a new leader charged with taking care of business, old plans and goals may have to be modified in order to achieve them. The change in leadership should only cause a brief lapse in momentum.

It is also unfortunate that there are individuals who feel that the resignation is nothing more than a selfish act and that the entire campaign last spring was out of malicious intent.

This resignation is not a selfish act, but instead a selfless act. It takes a lot of character to be able to take the criticism for doing what is right. Lemos is allowing someone else who will be able to put the time and effort into this leadership position into that role. People will be quick to judge until they are in the same situation.

What is right isn't always popular and what is popular isn't always right. Lemos is making an important decision that will ultimately leave the Student Government in a better position to accomplish more of their goals, and although resignation is not what we initially see as a noble act, in this situation it is characteristic of a leader.

The popular belief that the entire election was for some social victory and some personal vendetta is just not right. It is no business of anyone what type of medical reason is the cause for leaving or to make assumptions of any sort.

Personal attacks such as these are something that the professional politicians have taught for too long and something that our future leaders should never learn.

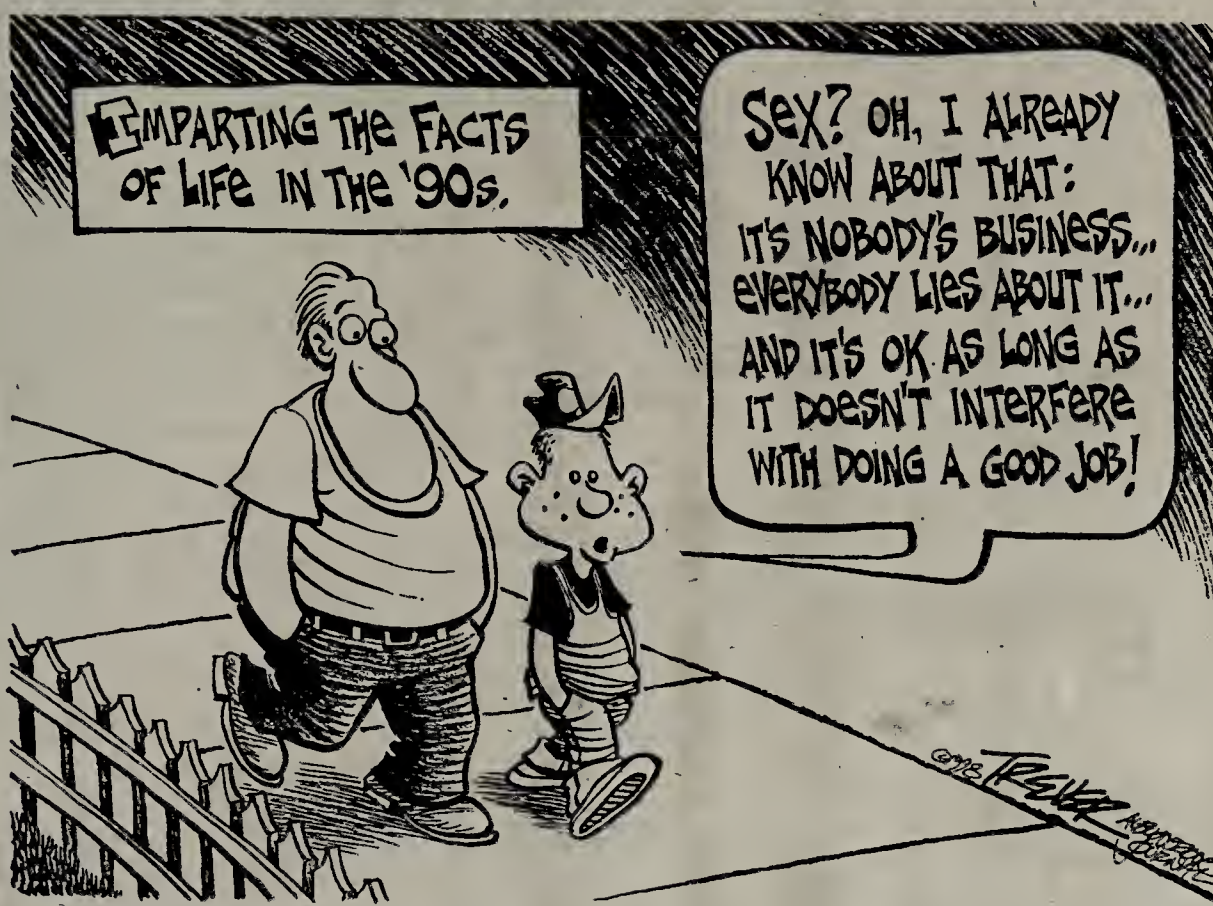
The fact is that there is a new leader who must accomplish group goals for the good of the Student Government and of the student body of PUC.

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When drivers attack:

'Stew' offers cures for cantankerous commuters

MICHAEL D. STEWART
 Commentary

"Hey that jerk cut me off!" "Why is that chick going so slow?" "Turn off that damn blinker, gramps." Most drivers have heard these rude statements or may even have used them. I'm the first to admit I have a problem with anger management on the highway, resulting in road rage. If some schmuck cuts me off I will use every curse word in the book, you know the famous curse book.

I was on the way to school Thursday, the first day of classes, and as I was headed northbound on Indianapolis Blvd. near the

Amoco station and the Arby's I noticed a semi-truck parked in the right lane in front of the gas station. The blinkers were on so people could see the truck was not moving anytime soon. A brown car was in front of me and darted out into the open left lane. Instead of continuing to drive, she pulled next to the semi-truck and started to point and yell with great dissatisfaction over the truck's parking spot. So now we had both lanes

blocked, sweet. The "old Stew thinking" would be to open a veritable can of whoop ass but the "new Stew thinking" was to remain calm and deal with the situation. The nimrod lady finally drove away and I was able to continue on my path. George Carlin once made a joke that the guy who is going slow in front of you is a bonehead and the person speeding by you is a maniac.

The new school year is bringing new drivers to the campus lots. Students are confused on where to park and which direction to travel. Students need to remain calm while driving around school for the safety of everyone in the parking lots.

According to David Willis, president of the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety, "two of the most critical aggressive driving problems are road rage and red light running." Patience is definitely a virtue while driving, he said.

In 1997, the AAA Foundation released a study of 10,037 reported road rage incidents that showed a 54 percent increase in incidents between 1990 and 1996. This could be caused by increased traffic and the "right now" mentality we have due to our fast-paced society.

In most of these instances, a potentially dangerous encounter can be prevented by not making eye contact with an angry driver.

Escalation of a minor dispute into an incident of road rage can be prevented if one of the drivers takes a deep breath and backs off or apologizes if he has done something that offended the other driver.

Don't be an ignoramus. If someone cuts you off, shrug your shoulders and say "C'est la vie."

The People Speak

Question of the Week: Do you intend to go to the student forum on Tuesday, Sept. 8 at noon?

by Amarachi Igboegwu
 Staff Writer

"I plan to attend this forum to meet the governing body of this school and also to ask a few questions."



Alberto Hernandez
 sophomore, International studies
 "No, there's a lack of information about these issues."

Ezekiel Adenekan
 freshman, Business management

"Yes, because I want to know why they are in office and what benefits students are going to derive from them."



Nellie Prather
 junior, Pre-pharmacy

"Yes, because I have lots of questions and problems with understanding the significance of certain classes pertaining to certain majors. Why are some classes required as a prerequisite for some majors and are totally unnecessary?"

Amal Daraiseh
 graduate student, English

"Yes, I'll make it to meet people and to find out what is going on here because I'm still not familiar with the school."



David Todorovich
 freshman, Mechanical engineering

"No, I'm not interested in anything other than getting my degree and leaving."





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Killer condom grabs more than attention

E.D. HARRELSON
U-WIRE

After years of political correctness and sexual awareness, it seems ironic that an innocent little prophylactic can be so deadly. Even more ironic is that a movie called Killer Condom is produced by a company called (appropriately enough) Troma Team. So forget those whiny American films about giant lizards and impending asteroids, the Germans have something even better — contraceptives with attitude.

Though its campy effects may not be enough to sustain the average Fangoria fan, Killer Condom guarantees to keep every man's legs crossed.

Killer Condom (Kondom des Grauens) comes from a country that sets no limits on the amount of crude humor that can be crammed into two hours. In fact, writers Martin Walz and Ralph König are sick enough to put the guys from South Park to shame.

Though a German film, the story takes place in freak show central, New York City, and there is nothing more peculiar than seeing a foreign interpretation of American culture.

Killer Condom introduces Inspector Luigi Mackeroni (Udo Samel), a cop who has seen just about everything ... until now. A rash of castrations in the Hotel Quickie has the NYPD on edge.

Victims and witnesses blame it on a manhood-eating condom, and Mackeroni reluctantly agrees to investigate. Mackeroni soon learns the truth when he pops in for his own quickie with resident rent boy, Billy (Marc Richter), and narrowly escapes emasculation.

Now it's man against condom,

"Though its campy effects may not be enough to sustain the average Fangoria fan, Killer Condom guarantees to keep every man's legs crossed."

with Mackeroni vowing revenge against the lethal latex, but like Gremlins, it multiplies. Thrust into the seedy sexual underground, Mackeroni

confronts mysterious henchmen, possessive drag queens and a hustler with a heart of gold to find out who's behind the plague of killer condoms. Categorizing Killer Condom into any slot of horror film isn't easy.

Too comical for Joe Bob Briggs and too risqué for Mystery Science Theater 3000, Killer Condom creates a new mix in the horror genre by combining American camp with a few dashes of German abstrac-

tism. It has all the feel of movies like Surf Nazis Must Die and The Granny, but with a few more transvestites. The only thing that makes Martin Walz's film watchable is that it never once tries to be an Oscar-winning movie. Even with cheap film stock, outrageous characters, and a script full of clichés, Killer Condom still retains an unexplainable charm.

Walz succeeds in recreating the classic detective/thriller motif into a shocking parody of itself. The actors never drop the facade of being deadly serious. Ridiculous as the whole plot may sound, the ferocity of the cast makes the film almost endearing. Walz's paralleling of American movie stereotypes succeeds without hitting the audience over the head with them.

It's a breath of fresh air to see this style of parody from the all-too-familiar Leslie Nielson act. Perhaps

that's why Killer Condom made the German entry at the Berlin Film Festival. As far as special effects go, this movie is far from impressive. Though usually death to any thriller, Killer Condom manages without the fancy frills.

A word to the wise, though, this movie is not to be viewed alone. It is not a matter of being too horrifying, but there can be a fine line

between campy gore and complete crap. It is best to see Killer Condom with a few, preferably inebriated, friends.

So if gay cops, drag queens, and radical religious feminists are not enough to grab the summer audience's attention, then maybe killer condoms will.

They'll grab something, that's for sure.



Music reviews: Sound reasoning

KEITH HARRISON
College Press Exchange

"Scraps at Midnight" Mark Lanegan Sub Pop 9 out of 10 stars

Mark Lanegan must take pleasure in defying expectations. As the last nails were being pounded into the grunge coffin in '96, his Screaming Trees reached new heights of Zeppelinesque splendor with "Dust."

And who, years ago, would have expected that this hard-rock hero would now be releasing his third solo disc of exquisitely evocative postmodern country blues?

It's the sound of this record, a droning and foreboding blues, that captivates at first. "Hospital Roll Call" simultaneously roams and wobbles, a soundtrack to some non-existent film noir Western. Elsewhere, lonely,

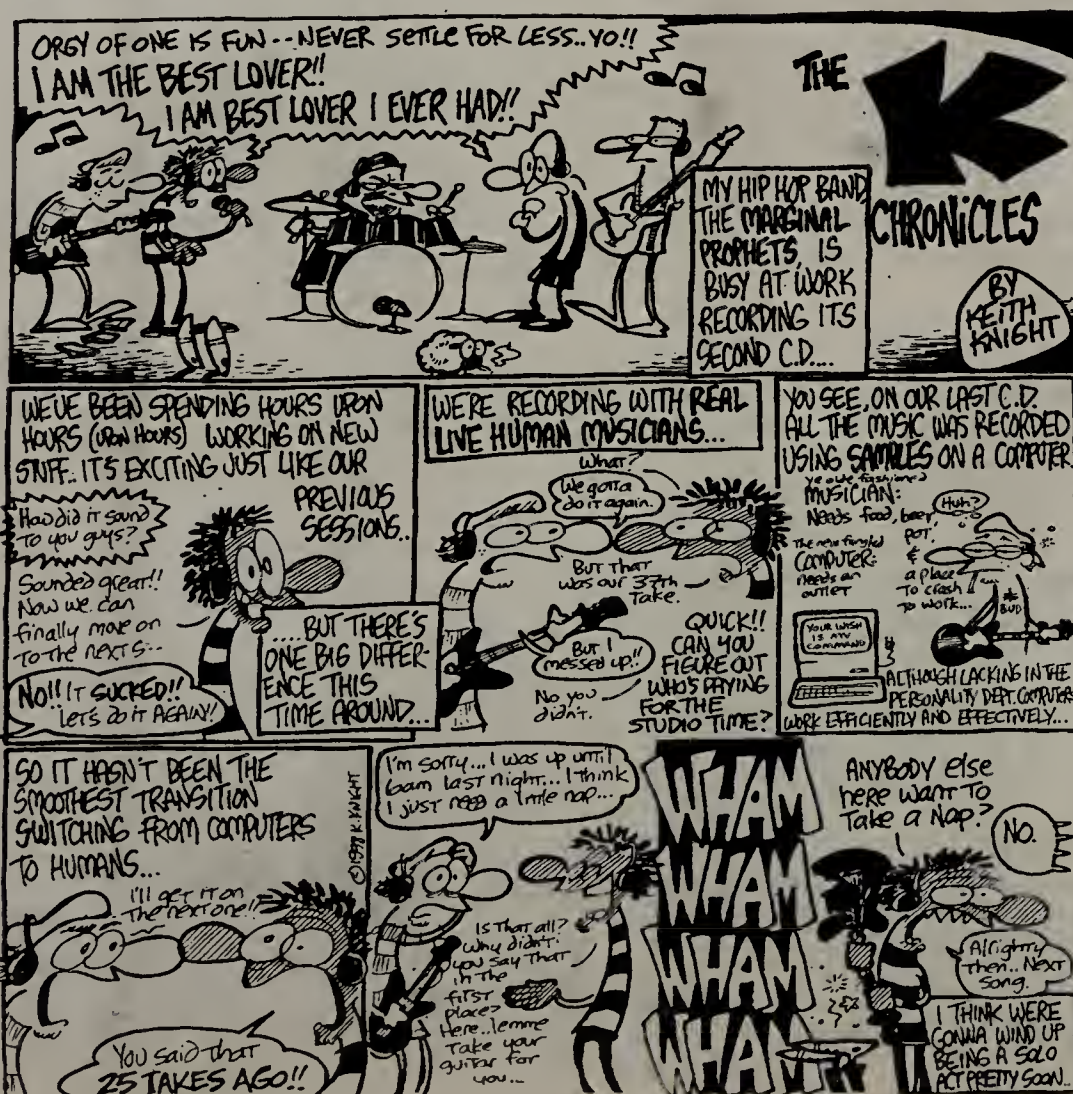
howling guitars along the fringes of "Waiting on a Train" stir the ghosts of Robert Johnson and Leadbelly, and a mesmerizing Middle Eastern buzz builds to a cathartic squall in "Because of This."

It's a mantra that conjures up both weariness and dread, and it's one reason that "Scraps at Midnight" stands as one of the finest discs of the year.

"Two Cents Plus Tax" Versus Caroline 7 out of 10 stars

The latest Versus disc kicks off with the aptly named "Atomic Kid," a surging blast of adrenaline that's all chiming guitars on top and churning, chaotic rhythm section underneath — loads of fun, albeit reminiscent of reined-in Sonic Youth, particularly given Richard Baluyut's shades-of-Thurston Moore vocals.

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Overall, though, they trade in a bit of the propulsive kick and roar of their previous "Secret Swingers" disc for the understated shimmer of a song like "Dumb Fun" or the melancholy air of "Crazy-Maker."

It's a promising exchange on those tracks, although a few others sputter when they should take off.

And while heartache stands as

the dominant lyrical concern, followed by music-biz cynicism, this band's smart and swirling music certainly takes the edge off the pain.

"Classic Elements" Various artists K Records 8 out of 10 stars

While the juvenile East Coast-West Coast rap rivalry generally has collapsed under the weight of

its own idiocy, hip hop's new geographic diversity also should get some of the credit.

Now comes K Records, putting in a word for the Seattle and Tacoma underground rap scenes with this uniformly strong and progressive compilation.

If there's a sound that most of these 16 artists share, it's the emphasis on heady and seductive mid-tempo bass lines rather than slammin' party anthems.

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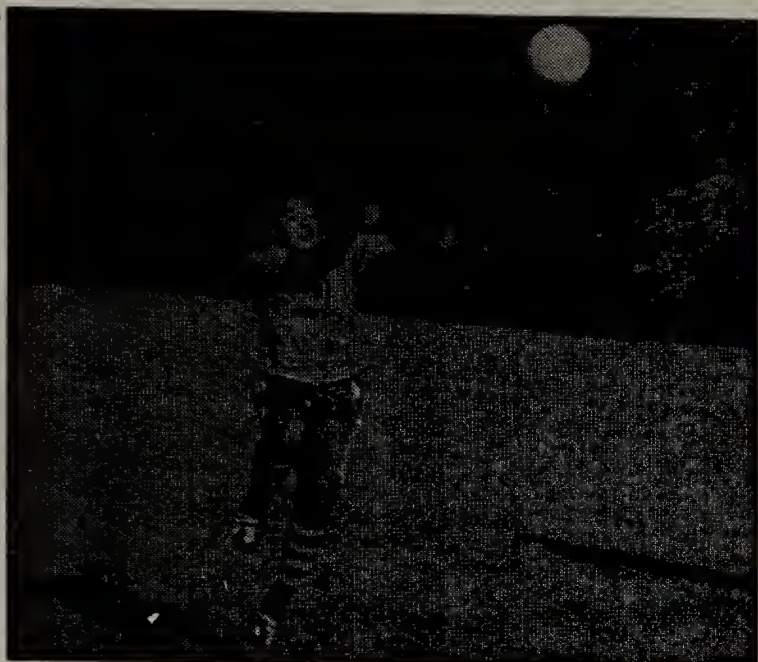
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Laker soccer team makes a new start



Jason Mendoza practices with the PUC men's soccer team. The first home game is scheduled for Wed., Sept. 30 at 4 p.m. outside the PER building.

Photo by Christopher Kosovich

After a dismal '97, the Lakers Soccer squad looks to get back on top

J.B. LYLES
Sports Editor

For Benjamin Elvira, his first year as a head coach is not what you expected. Injuries and bad moral added up the 1997 Lakers.

They finished with a 2-11 overall, including an 0-8 season in the Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference (CCAC). But coach Elvira is very positive that this year things will be different.

There are no returning members from last year's squad. So he is working with a completely different team. Plus he is getting an assistant out of last years top player Robert Moore.

Coach Elvira expects one thing out of this year, "to improve better than we did last year and to do that we need support." What support is he talking about is more financial and more team support.

"Every year we struggle to make a good competitive team," replied Elvira. "But the program comes up short on a constant basis; we need the support of the alumni, as well as the school altogether."

He believes that finacial support is needed to improve athletic department. He

also believes that there needs to be commitment to the program and should support it. "We also need upgrades in the soccer program in order to be more competitive at a sport that draws an entire world together by means of a soccer ball."

But not all the soccer woes are due to support, there seems to be a lack of teamwork among the players. "This year we are looking forward to have a great team with great team chemistry," replied Elvira.

"We have a player named Ahmed, he has played semi pro soccer in his native counrty of Saudi Arabia. His overall skills will be a big plus for the team."

The team starts on Wednesday, Sept. 2 in Misuwauka against the Pilots of Bethel College.

Their first home game will be on Wednesday, Sept. 30 against Trinity International University. Game time is 4 p.m.



Photo by Christopher Kosovich

Benjamin Elvira,
Laker head coach

Fitness center benefits students, as well as public

The TFC has makes improvements throughout the summer

J.B. LYLES
Sports Editor

The PUC Total Fitness Center went through a major overhaul this summer. They are almost finished painting both locker rooms, the showers in the locker rooms are presently being fixed.

They've required some new exercise equipment over the summer also.

Membership will cost a bit more for some members, but the benefits will to a be huge.

"We are anticipating that membership is going to increase this fall," said Wendy Saylor, fitness consultant of the Total Fitness Center.

"In general, people are a little more conscientious about their health and fitness. I think that's why our membership has increased."

"Another reason our membership has increased is due to word of mouth from students," continued Saylor. "Our student membership has grown tremendously. Students recognize what a bargain their getting for little money."

In comparing to other health clubs, we have everything that they have, but we make it affordable for the students."

"The advantage is that we are on campus so students can come here before or after class or during their breaks so they can workout. I think we have a lot to offer and I think our membership will continue to increase as a result."

But for some members it doesn't comes cheap. The price hike for the public was planned so they can keep up with the necessary cost with keeping the gym running efficiently and smoothly.

Graduates are also going to get a little hike on the prices, from \$35 to \$36 per semester. Undergraduates are going to pay the same price, \$10.50 per semester.

Sometime during the fall semester rolls around, the TFC will be back

on extended hours throughout the year.

Operating hours are currently Monday through Thursday 5:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday 5:30 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. They are closed on Sunday.

If you need any information on the Total Fitness Center, contact by the Physical Education and Recreation (PER) Building or contact John Bobalik or Wendy Saylor at 989-2550.

"In comparing to other health clubs, we have everything that they have, but we make it affordable for the students"

Wendy Saylor,
TFC fitness consultant

Second guilty plea in NU gambling case

MATT O'CONNER
Knight-Ridder Newspapers

CHICAGO - A gambling associate of a former Northwestern football player admitted Thursday he bet heavily on two NU football games in 1994 after the player tipped him to what prosecutors called "inside information."

Michael J. Stemberk Jr., 24, of North Riverside, Ill., pleaded guilty to a perjury charge in federal court for lying in grand jury testimony about a threatening phone call he made to an NU basketball player who owed a gambling debt.

It marked the second guilty plea in less than a week in the revived federal probe of gambling by Northwestern athletes.

After uncovering a point-shaving scandal that took place during NU' 1994-95 basketball season, federal authorities have turned their attention to whether football players at the school bet on games or tried to influence their outcomes in the fall of 1994.

Stemberk's friend and associate, Brian Ballarini, pleaded guilty to a gambling-relat-

ed charge last Friday. A highly touted quarterback from Fenwick High School in Oak Park, Ballarini became a campus bookie after sustaining a knee injury at Northwestern, regularly taking wagers from numerous student-athletes and others.

Ballarini is cooperating in the ongoing investigation, and Stemberk's lawyer, Daniel H. Wolff, suggested in court that his client was willing to assist authorities as well.

Stemberk, a bachelor who works in property management and on weekends as a banquet waiter, pleaded guilty to lying to a grand jury about threatening Kenneth Dion Lee, then an NU basketball player, in a telephone call on Feb. 2, 1995.

In his grand jury testimony, Stemberk had put the blame on Ballarini, who was at his side when he made the call.

During the call, Stemberk had warned Lee, who had a sizable gambling debt, that he worked for "Moose," according to sources.

Prosecutors revealed for the first time that the threatening phone call to Lee was secretly tape-recorded.



1997 Men's Soccer Standings

TEAMS	Conference	Overall
Dominican	7-1	15-3
Trinity International	7-1	13-4-2
Judson	6-2	17-4
Trinity Christian	5-3	12-5
St. Xavier	5-3	5-9-3
St. Francis	3-5	6-10-1
Olivet Nazarene	2-6	10-9
Cardinal Stritch	1-7	3-18
Purdue Calumet	0-8	2-11

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